

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A client system in a message exchanging system comprising a plurality of client systems and at least one server system connected together via a communications network, the server system authenticating each user of said plurality of client systems and accumulating and distributing messages, said plurality of client systems exchanging messages via said server system, the client system comprising:

a first message exchanging system that enables one-to-one message exchanges with a first client system of said plurality of client systems via a first interface;

a second message exchanging system that enables simultaneous message exchanges with at least one additional second client systems of said plurality of client systems via a second interface; and

a message exchange switching system that switches between the first interface of said first message exchanging system and the second interface of said second message exchanging system, in response to an action by a user of the client system when said client system receives a message from said second client system while said first message exchanging system is exchanging messages with said first

client system, to enable message exchanges with said first and at least one additional client systems.

2. (Original) The client system according to claim 1, wherein said message exchange switching system sets in said server system an environment for allowing said second message exchanging system to exchange messages when said message exchange switching system switches from said first message exchanging system to said second message exchange switching system.

3. (Original) The client system according to claim 2, wherein said first message exchanging system displays exchanged transmitted and received messages in one display screen in the order of transmissions and receptions.

4. (Currently amended) A message exchanging method for a client system in a message exchanging system comprising a plurality of client systems and at least one server system connected together via a communications network, the server system authenticating each user of said plurality of client systems and accumulating and distributing messages, said plurality of client systems exchanging messages via said server system, the method comprising:

enabling, via a first interface, one-to-one message exchanges with a first client system of said plurality of client systems;

enabling, via a second interface, simultaneous message exchanges with at least one other second client system of said plurality of client systems; and

switching between the first interface of one-to-one message exchanging and the second interface of simultaneous message exchanging, in response to an action by a user of the client system when a message is received from said second client system while exchanging messages with said first client system, to enable message exchanges with said first and second client systems.

5. (Original) The message exchanging method for a client system according to claim 4, wherein said switching sets in said server system an environment for allowing exchanging of messages when said switching switches.

6. (Original) The message exchanging method for a client system according to claim 5, further comprising displaying exchanged transmitted and received messages in one display screen in the order of transmissions and receptions.

7. (Currently amended) A message exchanging method for a message exchanging system comprising a plurality of client systems and at least one server system connected together via a communications network, the server system authenticating each user of said plurality of client systems and accumulating and distributing messages, said plurality of client systems exchanging messages via said server system, the method comprising:

enabling, via a first interface, one-to-one message exchanges with a first client system of said plurality of client systems;

enabling, via a second interface, simultaneous message exchanges with at least one other second client system of said plurality of client systems; and

switching between the first interface of one-to-one message exchanging and the second interface of simultaneous message exchanging, in response to a user action when a message is received from said second client system while exchanging messages with said first client system, to enable message exchanges with said first and second client systems.

8. (Original) The message exchanging method according to claim 7, wherein said switching sets in said server system an environment for allowing exchanging messages when said switching switches.

9. (Original) The message exchanging method according to claim 8, further comprising displaying exchanged transmitted and received messages in one display screen in the order of transmissions and receptions.

10. (Currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium for a client system in a message exchanging system, the recording medium having a message exchanging program recorded therein, the message exchanging system comprising a plurality of client systems and at least one server system connected

together via a communications network, the server system authenticating each user of said plurality of client systems and accumulating and distributing messages, said plurality of client systems exchanging messages via said server system, the program comprising:

a first message exchange having a first interface that enables one-to-one message exchanges with a first client system of said plurality of client systems;

a second message exchange having a second interface that enables simultaneous message exchanges with at least one other second client system of said plurality of client systems; and

a message exchange switching that switches between the first interface of said first message exchange and the second interface of said second message exchange, in response to an action by a user of the client system when a message is received from said second client system while said first message exchange is exchanging messages with said first client system, to enable message exchanges with said first and second client systems.

11. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 10, wherein said message exchange switching sets in said server system an environment for allowing said second message exchange to exchange messages when said message exchange switching switches from said first message exchange to said second message exchange.

12. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 11, wherein said first message exchange displays exchanged transmitted and received messages in one display screen in the order of transmissions and receptions.

13. (Currently amended) A program product of a message exchanging method for a client system in a message exchanging system comprising a plurality of client systems and at least one server system connected together via a communications network, the server system authenticating each user of said plurality of client systems and accumulating and distributing messages, said plurality of client systems exchanging messages via said server system, the program product comprising:

a first message exchange having a first interface that enables one-to-one message exchanges with a first client system of said plurality of client systems;

a second message exchange having a second interface that enables simultaneous message exchanges with at least one other second client system of said plurality of client systems; and

a message exchange switching that switches between the first interface of said first message exchange and the second interface of said second message exchange, in response to an action by a user of the client system when a message is received from said second client system while said first message exchange is exchanging messages with said first client system, to enable message exchanges with said first and second client systems.

14. (Original) The program product according to claim 13, wherein said message exchange switching sets in said server system an environment for allowing said second message exchange to exchange messages if said message exchange switching switches from said first message exchange to said second message exchange.

15. (Original) The program product according to claim 14, wherein said first message exchanges displays exchanged transmitted and received messages in one display screen in the order of transmissions and receptions.

16. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising a button displaying system that displays a button in response to interruption of the one-to-one message exchanging by the second client system, selecting the button by the user enabling the switching system.

17. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising displaying a button in response to interruption of the one-to-one message exchanging by the second client system, selecting the button by the user enabling the switching.

18. (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising displaying a button in response to interruption of the one-to-one message exchanging by the second client system, selecting the button by the user enabling the switching.

19. (New) The medium of claim 10, further comprising a button display that displays a button in response to interruption of the one-to-one message exchanging by the second client system, selecting the button by the user enabling the message exchange switching.

20. (New) The program product of claim 13, further comprising a button display that displays a button in response to interruption of the one-to-one message exchanging by the second client system, selecting the button by the user enabling the message exchange switching.